

5th Annual Governor's Roundtable for Families and Children
Attendee Evaluation Results
March 9-10, 2004

Total Number of Evaluations: 148

What I enjoyed or obtained the most value from was: - 148

Raleigh Philp & Brain Development: - 24 responses

- ♦ Great speakers. Mr. Philp is a great teacher. Reinforcing research on Early Childhood Brain Development.
- ♦ Networking with those in attendance Raleigh Philp was wonderful. Material presented as well as presentation style moving and interaction!
- ♦ Raleigh and brain session - good teacher and fun guy!

Dr. Dave Pelzer – 12 responses

- ♦ Dave Pelzer & personal testimony is always impacting
- ♦ Dave Pelzer moved me to continue actions, touched my heart. Be assertive with my own teens. Stand by beliefs & values. We are survivors! Children of abusive parents can beat the cycle and become strong and caring parents. Thank you!
- ♦ Enjoyed Dave Pelzer's speech. Very reaffirming to what we are already doing and strength of the human spirit.

Mary Ann Solberg – 5 responses

- ♦ Mary Ann Solberg's idea of many strategies and many structures. Her example: parenting.
- ♦ Mary Ann Solberg's talk about community coalition and the need for everyone to work together.

Dr. Dave Lewis – 4 responses

- ♦ Sharing ideas with people of many backgrounds. Dr. Lewis set the tone.

Keynotes in General - 29 responses

- ♦ Intergenerational drinking Dave Pelzer info, brain dev. info, business info and excellent and useful Solberg's info valuable.
- ♦ Raleigh Philp practical info regarding brain development; Mary Ann gave concrete examples of coalition building.
- ♦ Dave Pelzer. Walk around activity with slips of paper.

Miscellaneous: - 78 responses

- ♦ Breakout Sessions – (18 responses)
- ♦ Networking – (26 responses)
- ♦ Youth Event/Youth Speakers – (4 responses)
- ♦ Tools for Breaking the Cycle – (26 responses)
- ♦ The overall concept was good. Keynote speakers were good. The booth set up was good.
- ♦ Booths. I was able to gather resource information.
- ♦ Success by 6 breakfast - having corporate interests right on message - Raleigh Philp brain development.

What I disliked or obtained the least value from: - 116 Responses

- ♦ Breakout presentations too short/could only attend two – (22 responses)
- ♦ Bridge presentations – (21 responses)
- ♦ Nothing – (10 responses)
- ♦ Breaking into facilitated groups – (11 responses)
- ♦ Not enough breaks/too much sitting – (9 responses)
- ♦ Dave Pelzer's presentation – (6 responses)
- ♦ Unable to attend evening events/went too late – (6 responses)
- ♦ Breakout sessions in general – (5 responses)
- ♦ Need to provide water – (4 responses)
- ♦ Not youth friendly – (3 responses)

Things I plan to use and/or implement right away: - 128 responses

- ♦ Coalitions – become involved with one/create one – (23 responses)

- ♦ Resources presented – (16 responses)
- ♦ Substance abuse prevention information – (15 responses)
- ♦ Take information learned and relay back to their community – (15 responses)
 - ✱ *Provide info on programs and resources available to local community (Region seven council four children's M.H. Parents as Teachers, CASA).*
- ♦ Connections made with individuals/organizations – (11 responses)
 - ✱ *To bridge ourselves with other agencies and programs.*
- ♦ Brain development information – (7 responses)
 - ✱ *Everything Raleigh Philp said and did - wonderful stuff!*
- ♦ Miscellaneous – (31 responses)
 - ✱ *Meth info, coalition info, brain development info, some quotes I collected.*
 - ✱ *Take a stand, action and restate inner beliefs and values.*
 - ✱ *Motivation to individuals who have had abuse pasts that they can move on and not stay victims.*
 - ✱ *Everything. Strengthen our coalitions and substance abuse.*
- ♦ Work with youth/become involved with youth issues – (6 responses)
- ♦ Nothing – (4 responses)

Would you encourage others to attend a roundtable next year? Why or why not? – 136 responses

- ♦ YES – (121 responses)
 - ✱ Yes, was very impressed with speakers and feel motivated.
 - ✱ Yes! Networking, inspiration and motivation to bring back to our communities.
 - ✱ Yes, I attend last year also. It is a great way for different organizations to meet and share and collaborate with each other.
 - ✱ Yes. It's a great opportunity to learn about agencies that represent children and families in the state of Idaho and what they're doing that makes them successful.
- ♦ MAYBE – (8 responses)
 - ✱ Depends on their needs - much of this info was very general and not in depth.
 - ✱ Perhaps, I would hope more breakouts could be available. How about allowing or having programs bring a family they work with in their program and perhaps their travel expenses or at least their registration fee could be waived.
- ♦ NO – (7 responses)
 - ✱ No - location is hard for north. Too expensive, travel hotel, admission. But I understand Boise is a great place for it.
 - ✱ Not if the same format is used, referring to breakouts and too late of a start on first day

I increased my awareness of the interconnectedness between/among efforts that serve families and children in Idaho.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total Responses</u>
135	9	4	0	148
(91.22%)	(6.08%)	(2.70%)	0%	

I was provided with tools and resources I plan to use to “break cycles”

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total Responses</u>
117	13	18	0	148
79.05%	8.78%	12.16%		

I learned methods that will help me take a more active role on behalf of families and children issues in my community.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total Responses</u>
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122	11	9	2	144
84.72%	7.64%	6.25%	1.39%	

I actively participated in the roundtable activities and/or sessions.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total Responses</u>
129	6	1	0	136
94.85%	4.41%	0.74%		

When I spoke I felt like:

<u>My voice and opinion was heard</u>	<u>My voice and opinion was not heard</u>	<u>Not applicable</u>	<u>Total Responses</u>
126	7	11	144
87.5%	4.86%	7.64%	

Any comments or suggestions in regard to the event? – 106 responses

- ♦ Start earlier and end earlier – hard to attend evening events – (12 responses)
- ♦ More time allotted for breakouts/discussions – (12 responses)
 - ✱ *More group discussion time! There are many different professions attending that we can learn from.*
- ♦ Increase the number of breakout sessions individuals can attend – (10 responses)
 - ✱ *Have more breakout sessions. Groups working together by region sooner. I think it is important for communities to know not only what the resources are, but what they do. Collaboration needs to know the needs of families and resources in the community - who what when, how and why. At the next roundtable let's see individuals and organizations outside of the community resources.*
- ♦ Provide handouts of presentations to take home/to communities – (7 responses)
 - ✱ *It would have been wonderful to have handouts. We could more easily share these wonderful presentations with our staff back home.*
- ♦ Allow more breaks/less time sitting – (6 responses)
- ♦ Provide more direction/training for the facilitators – (5 responses)
 - ✱ *Three in our group did not have a chance to share as the facilitator did not have an awareness of the time issue (Her job should have included timekeeper) we had one individual a stay at home mother and I am thrilled she was able to attend as I am sure she learned and I did learn from her. However, she regularly talked about her personal home situations - the facilitator needed to validate her concerns and give a reminder of time to everyone. Should have had the opportunity to discuss the breakout session they attended in order to gain the most we could from this opportunity. Recommendation: Facilitators need more training or better training to have the best opportunity for success and satisfaction by all.*
- ♦ Make water available at all times – (5 responses)
 - ✱ *Best roundtable I've attended. More water would be nice but everything was wonderful. Thank you!*
- ♦ Miscellaneous – (57 responses)
 - ✱ *Thank you. A+ lots of hard work and it shows.*
 - ✱ *Rather than pay a large sum of money to a speaker from California couldn't we have some local Idaho people present as keynotes?*
 - ✱ *Really great meeting arrangements, meals, materials, displays, etc. And nice mix of participants!*
 - ✱ *Note paper in binders. More information about more programs not just the largest or favorites. There are several good programs (research based) that are being offered. In order to identify ways to participate in collaborative partnerships, we need to know what collaborations/partnerships exist and what their missions are. A list of participants/attendees would have been very helpful and more time to network. Fruit as a snack option along with the cookies. Thank you for all your hard work on this event. Everything ran smoothly, the speakers were interesting and the meals were great!*
 - ✱ *Suggestion: Specific how-to workshops by people who have been leaders/facilitators in communities to meet community needs (How our community reduced adolescent drug use. How our community created a drug court. How to begin an organization. What we did when we encountered roadblocks.*
 - ✱ *It is apparent how isolated resources are and the lack of interconnectedness between agencies. I am more aware of the problem but did not receive a tool to address them. I am more inspired to learn these methods and find the means to implement these methods.*

- ✱ *This was an incredibly coordinated inspiring event. More organizations need to participate and have display tables. They don't know what they missed. Thank you for all Dave Pelzer, Dave Lewis and the kids, Raleigh Philp, WGI presentation and the business breakfast. It was generous and again the inspiring shot in the arm I needed.*

My overall evaluation of this roundtable is: - 142 responses

1 – 0 (0%)
2 – 4 (2.82%)
3 – 2 (1.41%)
4 – 6 (4.23%)
5 – 8 (5.63%)
6 – 23 (16.2%)
7 – 26 (18.31%)
8 – 32 (22.54%)
9 – 17 (11.97%)
10 – 24 (16.9%)